

Gleaned from the Month's News

A cablegram from Tokio, under date of August 7, announces the arrival of the new American ambassador, George W. Guthrie. The strong ties uniting the Japanese empire and the United States were mutually dience with the emperor, the ladies America's new representative. The ambassador presented his credentials, and conveyed the greeting of President Wilson to the emperor. A regiment of Japanese cavalry escorted him to the imperial palace and he rode in an imperial coach. The crowds along the route respectfully uncovered as he passed. While the ambassador and his staff were in audience with the emperor, the ladies of the diplomatic party were received by the empress.

Archibald C. Hart, democrat, was elected to congress from the Sixth New Jersey district at the special election on July 22, by 6,000 plurality over S. Woods McClave, republican. Herbert M. Bailey, nominee of the progressive party, was third in the race.

George W. Hayes, democrat, was elected governor of Arkansas on July 23, over George W. Murphy, progressive, and Harry W. Myers, republican, by a plurality of over 20,000 in a light vote. Judge Hayes took the oath of office August 6, being the fourth man to take the oath since January 13, 1913. On that date George W. Donaghey's term expired. He was succeeded by Congressman George T. Robinson, who a few weeks later resigned to qualify as United States senator. J. K. Oldham, president of the senate, then qualified, but the title of the office was sought a few days later by Senator J. M. Futrelle, president pro tem of the senate, who won in court and served until succeeded by Judge Hayes.

Governor Tener of Pennsylvania signed the so-called "health marriage" bill on July 24. It provides that all applicants for marriage licenses must set forth that they have no transmissible disease, prohibits marriage of imbeciles, epileptics or paupers, and forbids the marriage of anyone who has been an inmate of a charitable institution unless it be shown that the cause has been removed. A similar law went into effect in North Dakota July 1, and a measure of the same kind has been passed by the legislature of Wisconsin.

Fifty girls employed by a Birmingham, New York, clothing company, lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the factory on July 22.

The Illinois legislature has appropriated the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of erecting a monument to the late John P. Altgeld in the city of Chicago. Governor Dunne has appointed the following commission to take charge of the work: Joseph S. Martin, Louis F. Post, Daniel L. Cruice and Johan Waage of Chicago, and Charles A. Karch of Belleville, Illinois.

An appraisal of the estate left by the late General Frederick D. Grant values his holdings at \$100,000, which were left by will to his widow.

Chicago's first woman jury heard the cases of twenty-five women and children in the court for the insane

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at the detention hospital on August 7. It was composed of six prominent women, all of whom are connected with educational and charitable organizations. In every case brought to their attention their decisions satisfied Judge Owens, who presided over the court.

A cablegram from Bucharest, dated August 6, says that peace was concluded between the Balkan states at the peace conference held in that city. The peace treaty was signed August 10.

In an address before the forty-third annual convention of the Catholic total abstinence union at Philadelphia August 6, Father Eugene McDonald declared that total abstinence from intoxicating liquor is on the increase in the United States navy. Father McDonald, who is a chaplain in the navy, said the navy is now "85 to 90 per cent temperate."

The two-cent fare rate on all railroads in Minnesota affected by the recent decision of the United States supreme court went into effect July 21.

The Webb anti-alien land law, passed by the California legislature and signed by Governor Johnson more than two months ago, became effective August 10 without interference from the electorate of the state through the medium of the referendum.

A press dispatch from Greenville, Texas, says half a million dollars as a penalty and the transfer of 21,596 of the 24,500 shares of stock in the Magnolia petroleum company of that state from the individual control of H. C. Folger, jr., and John D. Archbold to a trustee mutually agreed upon, was accepted by the state of Texas July 21 in settlement of the state's \$102,000,000 penalty and ouster suit.

One of the month's events in railroad circles was the resignation of Charles S. Mellen as president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad. His successor is Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific. His retirement is said to be due to widespread criticism of his management of the New Haven road, against which the government is conducting an investigation for alleged violations of the Sherman law.

Cardinal Gibbons, the venerable Catholic prelate, celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday at Baltimore July 23. The cardinal celebrated the mass of thanksgiving marking the anniversary. Only the immediate family of the host were present. Telegrams and letters in large numbers were received at the cardinal's home. Some of the messages were from members of the sacred college of cardinals. A message from the pope was included in the cablegrams, and congratulations were received from some of the rulers of European countries

In the civil anti-trust suit filed at Portland, Oregon, July 24, the dissolution of the alleged telephone monopoly on the Pacific coast is sought by Attorney General McReynolds. The government charges the giant corporation and its subsidiaries with absorbing independent telephone companies for the purpose of destroying competition and creating a monopoly in Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho, in violation of the Sherman law. This is the first attempt on the part of the govern-

ment to apply the provisions of the federal anti-trust law to the telephone situation. It is stated that this suit will not interfere with the sweeping investigation proposed by the interstate commerce commission into the telephone situation to determine whether the Sherman law should be invoked with the purpose of enforcing competition or whether monopoly should be permitted under conditions similar to that of railroads. The suit, filed by United States Attorney Clarence L. Reams, was prepared by Constantine J. Smyth, a special assistant to the attorney general, appointed from Nebraska by President Wilson.

The Wisconsin legislature has about completed the longest session in its history. Among the bills passed are a "blue sky" law for the protection of investors; a minimum wage law for women and minors; a mothers' pension act; a water power control law looking to state ownership; adoption of initiative, referendum and recall amendments to the state constitution; a minimum wage of \$40 per month for rural school teachers; abolition of defense of contributory negligence in the workmen's compensation act; a state commission to supervise boxing contests; a law requiring a certificate of health from prospective brides and grooms; the sterilization of feeble minded, epileptic and criminal insane in state and county institutions.

The arrangements for the sixth annual governors' conference, to be held at Colorado Springs, Colorado, for five days, commencing August 26, have been announced by Secretary Miles C. Riley of Madison, Wis.

While the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg was being celebrated in the United States, there was a little gathering of veterans of the civil war in Bermondsey, suburb of London, England. There were ninety-three veterans present, headed by George Munroe, one of the oldest survivors of the civil war. Mr. Munroe is 104 years old, and served in the confederate navy throughout the civil war.

John Purroy Mitchell, collector of the port of New York, was nominated for mayor of New York city on the fusion ticket on the morning of August 1. The choice was made by a committee of 107, selected to name a fusion ticket to oppose Tammany in the coming municipal election.

An inheritance tax of \$3,741,833 was fixed by the surrogate court of New York on the inheritance of \$88,959,599 from the estate of the late John Jacob Astor.

Senator Joseph F. Johnston of Birmingham, Alabama, died in his Washington apartments the morning of August 8, as a result of an illness terminating in pneumonia. Senator Johnston was seventy years old, had served through the civil war in the confederate army, was governor of Alabama for two terms and had been a member of the senate since 1907. He was unanimously elected to succeed the late Senator Pettus. He was re-elected in 1909. His remains were taken to his home at Birmingham for interment. Governor O'Neal appointed Henry D. Clayton, congressman from the Third district, to fill the vacancy caused by his death.

Merely Guesswork
"Ah," says the Christmas guest, "how I wish I could sit down to a Christmas dinner with one of those turkeys we raised on the farm, when I was a boy, as the central figure!"
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